GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ASSESSEMENT OF DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of District Primary EducationProgramme in the country, particularly in Bihar and Jharkhand States has been carried out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any need for improvement has been suggested therein; and

(d) if so, the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to(d): District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) was introduced/expanded in the country in different phases. Final evaluation of the programme will be undertaken only after conclusion of the project period. DPEP was extended to theStates of Bihar and Jharkhand in Phase III,which is likely to conclude in March 2003. The programme is periodically reviewed through the mechanism of Joint Review Missions, Project Management Information System (PMIS), Educational Management Information System (EMIS) programme impact studies, etc. A mid-term In-depth Review of DPEP in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand has also been carried out. Reviews and studies conducted have shown that the programme has resulted in significant increase in enrolment; improvement in learning achievements; reduction in repetition rates; increased community involvement; improvement in class-room processes; etc. However, Reviews suggest the need to fill up sanctioned teacher posts; timely supply of teaching-learning material; constitution of Village Education Committees (VECs); completionof Civil Works; filling up of sanctioned posts at State/District leveloffice, etc. for improvement of the programme. Progress in implementation of the programme has been reviewed with the implementing agencies of Bihar and Jharkhand for appropriate action.